

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Athletic Trainers
July 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting**

Members Present

Ciara Taylor
Danielle Platt
Wes Richardson
Lydia Thurston
Mike Jones
Chris King
Clarke Jackson
Robert Agee, MD
James Robinson, MD
Eric Law, MD

Members Absent

Others Present

Rodney Brown
Jim Davis, Assistant AG
Leah Taylor, Executive Secretary

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Declaring a quorum present, he welcomed the members and guests. He explained the meeting was being held utilizing Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions and restrictions and the allowances made by Governor Ivey's state of emergency declarations.

Chairman Jones then called for consideration of the minutes of the February 18, 2020, meeting contained in the meeting folder and called for discussion or corrections. (Attachment 1) *A motion was made by Lydia Thurston to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Agee and was unanimously approved.*

Chairman Jones called on Leah Taylor to present the Financial Report. (Attachment 2) *A motion was made by Dr. Eric Law and seconded by Chris King to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.*

Chairman Jones brought the Board up-to-date on the progress with the State Purchasing Department in their handling of the bid for the contract for Board operations. He reported that he had first contacted the Jennifer Loretz with State Purchasing in March and provided the Board's specifications for the position. Hearing nothing from her, he followed up recently and received a response today stating they were meeting next week to determine the disposition and if the contract would be classified as a professional or non-professional services contract. Their determination will determine if the bid is classified as a RFP or RFB and whether

they will handle it or if it will be agency led. Discussion followed and, due to a lack of understanding of the different classifications and methods, Jim Davis agreed to look further into the matter so the Board will understand its role in the process.

Moving on to the next item of business, Chairman Jones reported on the Board Election held during ALATA's Town Hall Meeting on May 22, 2020, stating that Stephen Guthrie had won the election and was, therefore, appointed to the Board effective January 1, 2021, for a four-year term of service.

Chairman Jones reported that a question had been posed to the Board regarding the ability of licensees to perform COVID-19 testing. Discussion followed. ***Dr. James Robinson moved that the Board not prohibit an athletic trainer from performing COVID-19 testing when sufficiently trained and with safety precautions taken and full PPE utilized. Dr. Robert Agee seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*** Additional discussion followed and it was agreed that ALATA would publish information regarding this matter in their upcoming eBlast.

It was reported by Chairman Jones that the Board is scheduled to appear before the Joint Interim Sunset Committee on Thursday, July 23rd, at 9:00 AM. Due to safety concerns, the Committee is asking that only the Executive Secretary, Board Chairman or designee, and Legal Counsel appear before the Committee. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Jones reported that there were no significant issues found during the audit process, and the audit report dealt primarily with a summary of the Board's operation, characteristics, and financial standing. He further reported that a survey of 100 athletic trainers had been taken, with only 19 responding, and called the Board's attention to the comments they submitted. (Attachment 4) He further stated that it was apparent from the comments that some of the responders do not understand the role of the Board and confuse it with ALATA or the limited scope of the Board's authority when it comes to certain practices such as billing and mandating the use of athletic trainers in secondary schools. Regarding the CPR comments criticizing the Board's requirement for annual certification, Chairman Jones opened the topic for discussion. Following a thorough discussion with significant input from Drs. Robinson, Agee, and Law, it was determined that no change would be made to alter the annual requirement of BOC-approved emergency cardiac care certification. Because of the ever-changing nature of the procedure and the great importance of being able to act quickly in an emergency, annual certification is necessary to keep the athletic trainer better equipped to respond.

During the CPR discussion, some Board Members expressed a concern about licensees being able to access CPR classes offering the required hands-on component necessary for certification. Danielle Platt offered to collect information on hands-on training sites and post it in the ALATA eBlast and on their web site. Ms. Taylor will also include available information on training sites in the renewal materials.

Regarding the 2021 License Renewal, Chairman Jones reported that the process will begin October 15, 2020, with the notification being sent out mid-September. The online format and paper forms will remain the same with a few exceptions previously approved: The Physician Consent Form now asked for the supervisory physician's NPI number and the Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines have been amended to include the statement the "HeartSaver is not an acceptable course." During the discussion that followed it was determined that the physician should be able to opt out of providing the NPI number and instructions for utilizing the number to review the licensees under their supervision should be provided. Ms. Taylor will work with Alabama Interactive to get these suggestions integrated into the renewal and initial license programs.

Chairman Jones then presented the names of 13 new licensees for license confirmation/ratification, a list of whom is attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Attachment 5) ***Dr. Eric Law moved that the Board ratify the licenses of all 13 licensees presented. Wes Richardson provided the second to the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Before recognizing Danielle Platt to discuss the disposition of unused grant funds, Chairman Jones commented that the Board had received emails from two of the scholarship recipients thanking the Board for its generosity. (Attachment 6)

Presenting a request from ALATA to carry over unused funds (Attachment 7), she explained that the annual meeting had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak causing the expenditure of speaker-related costs to be unnecessary. She requested that the funds be placed in reserve to be used for the same purpose next year. Discussion followed, and the possibility of using the funds before year end was explored. It was the Board's desire that, if possible, at least some of the unused funds be utilized this year to include assistance in locating CPR certification clinics and on-line educational purposes such as virtual town hall meetings. ALATA will explore the possibilities. It was the consensus of the Board that ALATA should make an effort to use at least some of the remaining \$4,000 for education-related purposes but should not be penalized for not being able to utilize the entire grant during 2020. ***Chris King moved that, due to the extraordinary impact COVID-19 had on the ability of ALATA to utilize the 2020 grant funds as allocated, ALATA be allowed flexibility in spending the unused funds in other education-related areas during 2020 and to hold in reserve any unused grant funds for use in 2021 for education-related purposes and, specifically, that the carry-over funds will be used in addition to any grant funds awarded in 2021. Lydia Thurston seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Chairman Jones recognized Danielle Platt to update the Board of ALATA's activities. She reported on next year's annual meeting and legislative efforts. Chris King provided additional comments regarding the past and future legislative activities.

Chairman Jones called for any other business. Following comments from Drs. Robinson, Agee, and Law regarding the current health concerns in our State and the need to support and comply with CDC recommendations, Chairman Jones set the next meeting for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, unless a meeting has to be called before then regarding the contract for board operations. Although the December 8th meeting is currently scheduled to be held at Children's Hospital, an announcement will take place closer to the meeting date confirming a location. ***Dr. Robert Agee moved that the meeting be adjourned, with the second being provided Chris King. The motion carried unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Jones, Chairman

Ciara Taylor, Secretary

AGENDA
ALABAMA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2020

Call to Order	Mike Jones
Approval of Minutes February 18, 2020, Meeting	Mike Jones
Financial Report	Leah Taylor
Old Business	
➤ Bidding Procedure for Administrative Contract	Mike Jones
➤ Board Election	Mike Jones
New Business	
➤ COVID-19 Testing Performed by Athletic Trainers	Mike Jones
➤ Legislative Sunset Review	Mike Jones
➤ Sunset Audit Report	Mike Jones
➤ 2021 License Renewal	Mike Jones
➤ Ratification/Confirmation of New Licensees	Mike Jones
➤ Request to Reallocate Grant Funds	Danielle Platt
Other Business	
➤ ALATA Report	Danielle Platt
➤ Legislative Report	Chris King
Next Meeting Date	Mike Jones
Adjourn	

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Athletic Trainers
February 18, 2020
Children's Hospital
Birmingham, Alabama**

Members Present

Ciara Taylor
Danielle Platt
Wes Richardson
Lydia Thurston
Mike Jones
Clarke Jackson
Robert Agee, MD
James Robinson, MD
Eric Law, MD

Members Absent

Chris King

Others Present

Rodney Brown
Jim Davis
Leah Taylor, Executive Secretary

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Declaring a quorum present, he welcomed the members and guests. A special welcome was extended to Wes Richardson who was attending the meet for the first time as a Board Member. Chris King, the other new Board Member, was unable to attend due to being hospitalized with medical issues.

Chairman Jones then called for consideration of the minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting contained in the meeting folder and called for discussion or corrections. (Attachment 1) *A motion was made by Dr. Robert Agee to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Danielle Platt and was unanimously approved.*

Chairman Jones called on Leah Taylor to present the Financial Report. (Attachment 2) *A motion was made by Lydia Thurston and seconded by Dr. Eric Law to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.*

Moving on to the next item of business, Chairman Jones reported that Danielle Platt, Chris King, and Wes Richardson had attended Board Meeting Training in Montgomery on January 29th. The training was sponsored by the Department of Public Examiners. He thanked them for their attendance and discussion followed.

Chairman Jones asked Ms. Taylor to update the Board on the current renewal status. She reviewed the Renewal Status Report provided in the meeting packet (Attachment 3). Discussion followed. Chairman Jones then presented the names of 604 licensees who had submitted their renewal applications between 11/10/19 – 1/18/20 for license confirmation/ratification, a list of whom is attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Attachment 4) ***Eric Law moved that the Board ratify the renewed licenses of all 604 licensees presented. Danielle Platt provided the second to the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Moving to the next item of business, Chairman Jones refreshed the Board on the Whittni Hall matter regarding CPR Instructor issues she expressed in December. The Board agreed to uphold the standard that at least one BOC-approved course must be taught and that HeartSaver does not meet the standard. The Board's letter to Ms. Hall is in the meeting folder as part of a packet dealing with the issue. (Attachment 5)

In an effort to be more specific in the documentation required for CPR Instructors, the Board reviewed the materials in the packet (Attachment 5), and discussion followed. ***Dr. Jimmy Robinson moved that the Board edit the Emergency Cardiac Care Guidelines to include the statement that "HeartSaver is not an acceptable course" where appropriate without making a distinction between a class roster and participant register. Dr. Eric Law provided the second to the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Ms. Taylor was recognized and reported that Alabama Interactive can modify our database and online system to accommodate a unique physician number to allow supervisory physicians to review and update any changes in athletic trainers under their supervision. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the physicians' NPI number is the only number that is unique to each of them. ***Dr. Robert Agee moved that the Board authorize Ms. Taylor to begin the process of modifying the application and renewal documents to incorporate the NPI number of a supervisory physician. Wes Richardson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Carried over from the December meeting, Chairman Jones reported that some new requirements have been placed on the Board in the way the contract for Board management is handled by going through the State Purchasing Department. (Attachment 6) Furthermore, it was recommended that a Board Member be involved in the process with the Purchasing Department. Discussion followed. ***Ciara Taylor moved that the Board authorize Mike Jones to serve as the Board Member liaison to the Purchasing Department and to utilize the prior established and approved bid specifications to begin the process for the successful bidding of the contract for Board management services. Dr. James Robinson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.***

Chairman Jones reported that questions continue to be asked about dry needling by athletic trainers. He explained that certification in the procedure is available and athletic trainers are being encouraged to pursue the certification. Discussion followed and several perspectives were shared. It was agreed, however, that the Board's position will not change and

remains that dry needling is not recognized as an acceptable practice for athletic trainers at this time.

Moving into new business, Chairman Jones reported that the Public Examiners are conducting the Board's Sunset Audit and appear to be nearing the end of the examination period. He explained how the audit results are used by the Legislative Sunset Committee to influence their decision to recommend the Board for continuation. Once the audit report is completed, the Examiners normally email a copy to Board Members. He also alerted the Board that their attendance at the Sunset Review Committee will be requested. Discussion followed.

Following up on the email notification sent in January, Chairman Jones reported that the Statement of Economic Interests filing is due no later than April 30, 2020, and the importance of submitting the report on time. (Attachment 7) Discussion followed.

Reporting that our administrative rules changes when into effect on February 14, Chairman Jones stated that the Education Grant Report for 2019 (Attachment 8) and Education Grant Request (Attachment 9) are submitted in accordance with the new rules. He then called on Danielle Platt to discuss each document. *Dr. Robert Agee moved to accept the Education Grant Report as written. Dr. James Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed with eight yeas and one abstention.*

Danielle Platt then provided a breakdown and justification for the \$10,000 grant requested for 2020. Discussion followed and various scenarios were offered for consideration. *Dr. James Robinson moved that the Board award ALATA an education grant in the total amount of \$8,000 for education-related expenses associated with the ALATA 2020 annual meeting. Lydia Thurston provided the second, and the motion passed with eight yeas and one abstention.*

Additional discussion followed. *Ciara Taylor made a motion that the \$8,000 education grant awarded to ALATA for the 2020 annual meeting be expended to furnish four \$1,000 scholarships and the remaining \$4,000 to be expended for speakers' fees and related speakers' expenses such as honoraria, travel expenses, and accommodations/meals. Dr. Eric Law seconded the motion, and it passed with eight yeas and one abstention.* It was further requested that ALATA acknowledge in their conference materials and communications that the funding of the scholarships and speakers is through, or at least in part by, grant funds awarded by the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers.

Chairman Jones then presented the names of 4 new licensees for license confirmation/ratification, a list of whom is attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Attachment 10) *Dr. Robert Agee moved that the Board ratify the licenses of all 4 licensees presented. Dr. James Robinson provided the second to the motion, and it carried unanimously.*

It was then brought to the Board's attention by Chairman Jones that Board Member elections are coming up. He further explained that he will have served the maximum of three consecutive four-year terms and will not be eligible for another term at this time and that

Dr. Law's term will also expire, but he is eligible to serve another four-year term. Dr. Law indicated he would be willing to serve another term if appointed by MASA. Ms. Taylor will coordinate with ALATA as they develop the timeline for accepting nominations and holding the elections so that she can notify all licensees of their right to nominate and vote.

Chairman Jones recognized Danielle Platt to update the Board of ALATA's activities and legislative efforts. She reported that they are busy with the details of the ALATA Annual Meeting which will be held at The Lodge in Gulf Shores May 21-24, 2020. The agenda is being finalized, and the date and time for the Board Meeting was discussed. It was agreed that May 23rd at 2:00 PM would be a good time for the Board to meet. Discussion followed.

Ms. Platt then reported on the legislation that has been introduced in the House and Senate to update the language in the Athletic Trainers Act. She indicated that athletic trainers will be visiting the State House soon to meet with legislators in an effort to correct misinformation that is being disseminated by groups who wish to kill the bill. Discussion followed. *Dr. James Robinson made a motion that the Board write a letter of support for the passage of the legislation. Dr. Robert Agee provided the second, and it passed unanimously.*

Calling for any other business, Chairman Jones reported that the BOC had requested the Board's permission to include their "signature" on a letter of support for a new piece of legislation in California for regulating athletic training. (Attachment 11) The prior bill, AB1592, that the Board supported in December "died," and this new bill will be introduced in its place. *Dr. Robert Agee moved that the Board authorize the BOC to use our "signature" on their letter in support of California's regulation of athletic training. Danielle Platt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

Chairman Jones also shared a request from the Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association requesting support for their efforts to improve their practice act. (Attachment 12) It was agreed that this request is more appropriate for ALATA to consider and asked Ms. Platt to handle with her leadership.

Lydia Thurston was recognized and reported that Samford University is closing out its Athletic Training Program. They will not be accepting new students. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones set the next meeting for 2:00 PM on May 23, 2020, at The Lodge in Gulf Shores, AL. The room location will be determined and communicated to Board Members once the information is available. *Clarke Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned, with the second being provided Dr. James Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Jones, Chairman

Ciara Taylor, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

ALABAMA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS FINANCIAL REPORT

February 1, 2020 – February 29, 2020

\$ 299,845.98	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 1,125.00	Receipts
\$ (111.23)	Board Member Compensation
\$ (918.85)	Board Member Travel
\$ (121.80)	Telephone
\$ (104.90)	Data Processing/Web Applications
\$ (146.34)	FRMS & Comptroller
\$ (3,332.35)	Leah Taylor + Travel
\$ 296,235.51	Ending Fund Balance

March 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

\$ 296,235.51	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 1,550.00	Receipts
\$ (378.75)	Board Member Compensation
\$ (120.62)	Telephone
\$ (630.28)	Postage
\$ (47.40)	Data Processing/Web Applications
\$ (29.85)	State Business Systems
\$ (101.64)	Comptroller Services
\$ (1,730.00)	Administrative Rules/LRS Services
\$ (175.00)	Office Operations/Supplies
\$ (111.18)	Printing/Copying
\$ (8,000.00)	ALATA Grant
\$ (3,200.00)	Leah Taylor
\$ 283,260.79	Ending Fund Balance

April 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020

\$ 283,260.79	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 1,250.00	Receipts
\$ (59.05)	Postage
\$ (120.84)	Telephone
\$ (47.40)	Data Processing/Web Applications
\$ (44.85)	State Business Systems
\$ (101.64)	Comptroller Services
\$ (3,200.00)	Leah Taylor
\$ 280,937.01	Ending Fund Balance

May 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020

\$ 280,937.01	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 150.00	Receipts
\$ (117.60)	Telephone
\$ (3,384.00)	Alabama Interactive Annual Billing
\$ (47.40)	Data Processing/Web Applications
\$ (9.85)	State Business Systems
\$ (101.64)	Comptroller Services
\$ 277,426.52	Ending Fund Balance

June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

\$ 277,426.52	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 1,300.00	Receipts
\$ (118.89)	Telephone
\$ (47.40)	Data Processing/Web Applications
\$ (9.85)	State Business Systems
\$ (101.64)	Comptroller Services
\$ (6,400.00)	Leah Taylor (May & June)
\$ 272,048.74	Ending Fund Balance

SUNSET REVIEW MEETING



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Athletic Trainers

FROM: Representative Howard Sanderford
Chairman, Joint Interim Sunset Committee

DATE: June 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Sections 41-20-1 through 41-20-16, Code of Alabama, 1975, the **Board of Athletic Trainers** has been scheduled to appear before the Joint Interim Sunset Committee. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**, in **Room 200, 2nd floor, Alabama State House**. Please arrive at your appointed time by entering the State House through the Washington Street entrance.

Due to current safety precautions we are asking for only the Executive Director/Secretary, Chair of the Board or Designee, and Legal Counsel for the Board to attend the Sunset Hearings this year. If other members of the Board want to attend to express their opinions on any matters they are welcome to come but we are trying to limit persons in attendance because of health safety precautions and physical distancing. Be prepared to address the committee and answer any questions regarding the Review of Operations performed by the Examiners of Public Accounts.

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN by all in attendance.

The audio will be streamed at
<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/aliswww/ISD/AudioVideo.aspx> for those who want to listen to the proceedings

Anyone from the Board that wishes to express an opinion can email comments to maryruth.davis@alhouse.gov and all comments will be given to the Sunset Committee when the Board comes before them for their hearing.

Thank you for working with the Sunset Committee. We are trying to protect the people of Alabama and serve them fully through this time.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Mary Ruth Davis at 334-242-7696.

**SUNSET REVIEW AUDIT
LICENSEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Licensee Questionnaire

A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting participation in our survey. Nineteen participated in the survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. Do you think regulation of your profession by the Board of Athletic Trainers is necessary to protect the public welfare?

Yes	19	100%
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2. Do you think any of the Board of Athletic Trainers' laws, rules and policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?

Yes	2	11%
No	15	79%
Unknown	1	5%
No Opinion	1	5%

Respondent #18 - "I would like to see more reviews and consideration for practice of current and developing therapies common in allied health. As other allied health professions are utilizing such approaches, it limits our profession in supporting our patients. I feel some additional education through continuing education could be considered as the board reviews one's ability to perform these techniques. Advance and update consideration and regulation protocols as the practice of allied medicine advances. AT remain under the supervising physician and that person should be allowed to have a voice in those choices of practice as well. Bottom line I feel protocols can be developed to protect and serve."

3. Do you think any of the Board of Athletic Trainers' requirements are irrelevant to the competent practices of your profession?

Yes	3	16%
No	14	74%
Unknown	1	5%
No Opinion	1	5%

Respondent #7 - "Requiring CPR recertification every year when most AHA and Red Cross cards are 2-year certification"

Respondent #19 - "The Alabama board of athletic trainers requires a yearly renewal for BLS/CPR certification. Even though the certification lasts for 2 years. It is an unnecessary financial burden for a yearly certification. The company I work for requires employees to pay off for BLS out of our own pockets. Alabama board of athletic trainers should change it to only be renewed every two years, like our neighboring states require."

Licensee Questionnaire

4. Are you adequately informed by the Board of Athletic Trainers of changes to and interpretations of board positions, policies, rules, and laws?

Yes	15	79%
No	4	21%

Respondent #19 - "I don't think I've ever been informed of a change in regulation from the state board. I would find out after the fact through word of mouth."

5. Has the Board of Athletic Trainers performed your licensing and renewal in a timely manner?

Yes	18	95%
No	1	5%

6. Has the Board of Athletic Trainers approved sufficient providers of continuing education to ensure your reasonable access to necessary continuing education hours?

Yes	12	63%
No	3	16%
Unknown	1	5%
No Opinion	3	16%

Respondent #1 - "I wish there could be more that are less expensive and that we would stay in the state of Alabama to host our State symposium each year."

Respondent #13 - "State Board does not have authority to approve CEU providers. That is done on national level."

Respondent #19 - "Evidence-based practice CEs are difficult to access and hard to find."

7. What do you think is the most significant issue(s) currently facing your profession in Alabama and what is the Board of Athletic Trainers doing to address the issue(s)?

Respondent #1 - "Not enough ATCs in secondary schools. I am not sure they have done enough. The National Board has made the requirements of certification for an entry level ATC a master's degree. The field does not pay enough, in most cases, to warrant getting a masters. We are losing ATCs, specifically at the secondary level because they move on to be PTs, PA, RNs, etc. where the pay is better. Also, the schools that have certification programs are not able to give their students enough "on-the-job" training and therefore the entry level ATC is not prepared as well to deal with emergency situations. The students are book smart but have little application ability."

Respondent #2 - "Shortage of well-paying athletic training jobs in the state, in my opinion, is one of the most significant issues facing our profession today. I believe

Licensee Questionnaire

that the board is trying to address this problem through various means, with two of the most prominent being education of the general public, and also seeking viable funding options & mechanisms for these jobs."

Respondent #3 - "Third party reimbursement in order for Athletic Trainers to be paid for their services in clinical settings, and not just go to high schools and only send referrals to clinics. What have they done absolutely nothing!"

Respondent #4 - "Scope of practice and reimbursement. Not sure if the board is doing anything to address this."

Respondent #5 - "I do not have any complaints."

Respondent #6 - "to many hours. Burnout"

Respondent #7 - "Getting reimbursed by insurance companies for our services. They fight with the PT board who are opposed of athletic trainers getting compensated from insurance companies. Other states like Georgia allow athletic trainers to bill for their services."

Respondent #8 - "N/A"

Respondent #9 - "BILLING"

Respondent #10 - "Athletic Trainers in the Secondary Schools; 3rd Party reimbursement. Hit the hill day is very important in keeping the profession in front of State Legislators."

Respondent #11 - "Low average pay. Not sure what is being done."

Respondent #12 - "Competence and Quality of care and financial support at the high school and small college/HBCU level"

Respondent #13 - "Unlicensed and uncertified practice."

Respondent #14 - "Shortage of athletic trainers in the high school setting"

Respondent #15 - "The most significant issue facing Athletic Trainers in Alabama right now in my opinion is funding for full-time athletic trainers at all High Schools. Most schools cannot afford (or will not allocate funds) to pay for Athletic Trainers. This puts us in a position to work for outside companies where our job duties and performance are based on referrals to physicians and PT offices."

Respondent #16 - "SALARY TO KEEP ATC WORKING."

Respondent #18 - "Protection of the public while recognizing advances in therapies. Advocating for our profession among allied health professions and medical stakeholders. Without growth...."

Respondent #19 - "The Alabama board of athletic training is not educating people, particularly parents at schools we work for, about the importance of our profession. The Alabama Athletic High School association does not even have a return to play concussion protocol in bylaws. The Alabama board of Athletic trainers is also not maintaining adequate athletic trainer coverage at high schools. The NCAA requires a certain number of athletic trainers per athletic student population. The AHAA should have a similar requirement. The athletic training board should push for this to increase safety at schools and to increase employment of athletic trainers in Alabama."

Licensee Questionnaire

8. Do you think the Board of Athletic Trainers and its staff are satisfactorily performing their duties?

Yes	13	68%
No	1	5%
Unknown	4	22%
No Opinion	1	5%

Respondent #15 - "I don't really know what is included in their duties."

Respondent #18 - "I am ignorant of board advocacy on the issues I detailed. I know they diligent work to protect the public and regulate our practitioners and appreciate those efforts. I would like to see more proactive positive advocacy."

Respondent #19 - "The Alabama board of athletic trainers needs to work closely with the Alabama High School Athletic association to increase our participation in secondary schools and to inform the public of the importance of our profession. Alabama high school and middle school sports need more coverage by athletic trainers. There needs to be more athletic trainers per athletic student population. The children of Alabama should not go without athletic train coverage at their sporting events."

LICENSES FOR CONFIRMATION

**LICENSES FOR CONFIRMATION/RATIFICATION
JULY 14, 2020**

Danford, Jonathon

Gehring, Cheyenne Marie

Johnson, Bridges Case

Kasprow, Sarah E.

Koyanagi, Masanobu

Lackey, Phillip Brandon *

Maleknia, Sean A

Marks, Alissa Denae

McCririe, Paige Constance

Prieto, Jose Antonio

Shaver, Kaylee Ann

Sheppard, Michael Brandon *

Tofaute, Benjamin David

GRANT FUNDS EXPENDITURES

AL Board of Athletic Trainers

From: Katherine Nicole Kratzer <kkratzer@troy.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:15 PM
To: AthleticTrainers@bellsouth.net
Subject: 2020 ALATA Undergraduate Scholarship

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Alabama Athletic Training Board Members,

I hope everyone is staying safe during this pandemic and you are all doing well. I want to thank you all for your generosity for funding the 2020 ALATA Undergraduate Scholarship. I greatly appreciate this contribution towards my education and I am honored and humbled to have received such a meaningful award. Thank you for your time and willingness to give towards athletic training students' education. This scholarship will be very beneficial in continuing my education in athletic training. Thank you all for serving as the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers.

Thank you,

Katherine Kratzer, ATS
Troy University Athletic Training Program
kkratzer@troy.edu
NPI: 1831654896

AL Board of Athletic Trainers

From: Savannah Claire Edson Morgan <smorgan163098@troy.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:04 PM
To: AthleticTrainers@bellsouth.net
Subject: 2020 ALATA Undergraduate Award & Scholarship

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Alabama Athletic Training Board Members,

Thank you for your generosity in funding the 2020 ALATA Undergraduate Award & Scholarship. I am greatly honored to be selected for this scholarship. This scholarship will be a great help to me in continuing to fund my education in the Undergraduate Athletic Training Program at Troy University! Thank you for your contribution towards athletic training students' education. Thank you for serving as the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers. I look forward in furthering my education and becoming a certified athletic trainer.

Thank you,

Savannah Claire E. Morgan
Troy University Athletic Training Program
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July 13, 2020

Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers,

Please accept this letter as the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association's (ALATA) official report of relocation of the 2020 ABAT Educational Grant. Due to the pandemic, the ALATA was not able to host the 2020 ALATA Annual Clinical Symposia & Members Meeting. In leu of this event, we did host a virtual town hall and business meeting. During that time, we announced the grant and the \$4,000 allocated scholarship funds that were awarded to four students pursuing a degree in athletic training (list of recipients below). The remaining \$4,000 was put into our savings for the funds to be used during the 2021 ALATA Annual Clinical Symposia and Members Meeting. It is the intention of the ALATA to use the funds in the same manner as described during the last board meeting.

Scholarship winners:

Savannah Claire Morgan (Troy University)

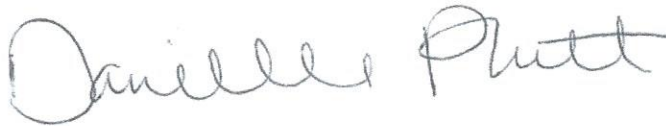
Katherine Kratzer (Troy University)

Anna Bolton (Samford University)

Hannah Turner (Samford University)

We thank you for this opportunity to providing additional finding for the betterment of our association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Platt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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